

WDFW's Master Hunter program (formerly known as AHE) was recently revamped. A primary goal of this revision was to develop a group of highly skilled people who consistently display the highest standards of conduct and are dedicated to conserving wildlife habitat and ensuring future hunting opportunities. Changes to the program included:

- First time enrollees must provide at least 20 hours of volunteer service on a project benefiting state wildlife resources (increased from 12 hours) and 40 hours (increased by 10 hours) every 5 years to recertify.
- Attend Crime Observation and Reporting Training (CORT).
- Submit to an enforcement criminal background check.
- Sign an agreement to abide by the Master Hunter code of ethics.
- No tolerance policy – one wildlife violation and they're out of the program
- A primary focus is to engage Master Hunters in efforts that address game damage

Survey questions:

- 1) Do you believe these changes will result in a better quality of persons participating in the Master Hunter program?

Yes

No

Maybe

- 2) Have you allowed Master Hunters to operate on your property in the past 5 years? If so, what is your general assessment of the participants?

- 3) If elk or deer became a problem on your property, would you allow a Master Hunter to hunt on your property.

Yes

No

Maybe

Only if friends or family members

the necessary labor on a voluntary basis?_____

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